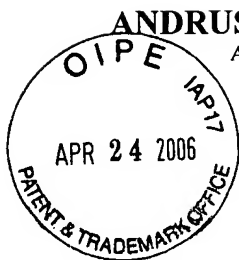


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**Re: Pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/775,412  
ISOLATION MOUNTING SYSTEM FOR RAILROAD  
CAR STEPS AND RUNNING BOARDS  
Our Ref.: 4871-00003**

Dear John:

As we discussed during our telephone conversation on April 18, 2006, I have enclosed a copy of the allowed claims in the above -identified pending U.S. patent application. The claim in the application were amended during prosecution to overcome the references cited by the Examiner.

Please review the claims and pay particular attention to independent claims 1 and 13, since these claims provide the broadest scope of protection in the application. As you will note, each of the claims requires a bushing having a central opening that receives an insert. The insert receives a fastening device that passes through the bushing and is received within the internally threaded bore of the insert.

After you have had a chance to review the coverage of the claims in the application, please contact me to discuss this matter in greater detail. As you indicated, you may wish to file another application to broaden the scope of coverage of the claims in order to make sure the claims cover a competitive product. Any continuation application must be filed prior to the issuance of the present application. The issue fee is due in this application on June 17, 2006. Following the payment of the issue fee, we will have an additional 5-6 weeks to file any continuation application.

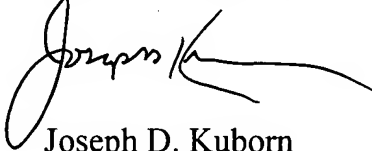
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As I indicated to you earlier, prior to filing the continuation application, we will prepare a new set of patent claims with the required scope to cover the potentially infringing product of your customer.

Please contact me to discuss this matter in greater detail once you have had a chance to review the enclosed claims.

Yours very truly,

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